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NEWS RELEASE

EMBARKING ON A SAFETY, EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN WITH A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

The goal of safer roadways is still in the forefront as we embark on a new year in this collaborative effort between the Chino Valley Police Department and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

This annual partnership continues with a total of \$29,285.00 in grant funding provided to the Chino Valley Police Department from Director Alberto Gutier of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The funding comes in the form of two (2) grants. The grants will fund equipment that will increase safety of first responders to the scene of collisions, provide resources and equipment to track traffic patterns, speeds and as well as educate the public on the speeds they are traveling on the roadways. The final piece will come with funds to cover overtime to staff additional officers to work and enforce traffic and impaired driving laws.

The first grant award is \$5,855.00 and will cover the cost of purchasing a trailer to house and transport barricades, cones, delineators, LED flares and traffic warnings signs to collision scenes. This equipment will ensure as motorists approach a crash or other emergency scene they are provided advanced notice of issues involved in traffic and the roadway. It will further provide adequate equipment to alter traffic lanes and ensure proper separation of vehicles, first responders and those involved in the incident. The goal of this equipment is to help decrease secondary collisions as well as increase safety of those on the scene. This transition is occurring as we utilize the best practices as outlined and taught in the Traffic Incident Management training we have implemented department wide.

The second grant award of \$23,430.00 covers the cost of purchasing software and equipment that gathers roadway data such as how many vehicles travel a roadway, the speeds at which they travel as well as the times they are traveling. In addition equipment to be purchased will be able to be posted in neighborhoods and around the community that reads and displays vehicle speeds to help educate drivers of their speeds as they are on our roadways. We feel an educated and informed community will make better decisions as it relates to speed and overall roadway safety. The final component of the funding will cover funding to pay officers to conduct additional enforcement details. We will utilize the data gathered from the equipment on where and when vehicles are violating traffic laws so we can deploy enforcement details and staff to the areas that are most burdened with violations.

We are asking the public to contact the Chino Valley Police Department to report areas they feel traffic violations are occurring and need additional enforcement. To report this please contact 928-636-4223 ext. 2 and let our civilian officers know of the area of concern, the time the issues are occurring and any vehicle information available.

The Chino Valley Police Department is grateful to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and Director Alberto Gutier for their continued support to safety of our roadways and the citizens of Chino Valley.

